

# Stoneham Opposes City Championship Series Between His Giants and the Yankees

## Pres. Heydler Also Objects To Meeting of Local Rivals

Owner of Giants Declares Dodgers Should Hold Undivided Interest of Manhattan Fans in World Series; Players Appear Not Too Anxious to Play

There will be no city championship series between the Yankees and Giants this fall. Charles A. Stoneham, president of the Giants, upon his return from Cuba aboard the Morro Castle yesterday afternoon, announced himself as sternly opposed to the idea. John A. Heydler, president of the National League, quite as strenuously voiced a dissenting view when he reached this city last evening from the late unpleasantness in Chicago baseball circles.

"I believe it to be to the best interests of baseball not to play a city championship series this fall," declared Mr. Stoneham. "It would be a fine test of ability ordinarily, and interesting, in view of what Babe Ruth might or might not be able to do against good National League pitching. But still, in view of the developments of the grand jury investigation into last year's world's series, and the disclosures resulting therefrom, I cannot but believe the public generally would look upon such an attraction as a cold, mercenary proposition."

"So far as I am concerned, as a National League club president, I would not consent to any city championship series that would conflict in any way with the world's championship series. A rival borough has won out in a thrilling pennant struggle, and we owe Brooklyn the courtesy of submitting first of all to its undivided interest."

**Too Late for Series**  
"As the world's championship pennant is now decided best five of nine games, a city series after the conclusion of the world's series strikes me as very impracticable. There does not seem the public demand to justify the retention of players for such a long time after the expiration of their contractual obligations. I most certainly am not in favor of such a series."

Colonel T. L. Huston, who endorsed the proposed series at the solicitation of the Yankees players, seemed somewhat disappointed when informed of Stoneham's attitude.

"I thought the city championship might be interesting to many thousands of fans who have long wanted to compare the merits of the two local representatives in the major league. But it is entirely up to the Giants, if they care to play they will find the Yankees ready at any time."

"Certain critics of the city series, including John A. Heydler, president of the National League, is out of order at this time and that it would be looked upon merely as a money-making proposition. But isn't all baseball for money, just as all business is for profit? Why be hypocritical about it?"

**Would Be Fitting Finale**  
"A good, clean, hard-fought city series would not interfere with the world's series, and it would be a splendid finale for the season. In these days, when organized baseball is on strike, it strikes me as a good time for the promoters to prove the worth of good faith with the public. But if Messrs. Stoneham and Heydler object then I have no further criticism to make."

It was learned on apparently fair authority that the barnstorming Yankees and Giants have cooled out somewhat in the last few days, when their attention turned to the world's series. Under which a city championship would have to be conducted. World's series results obtain in city championships and the National Commission has the entire charge. Furthermore, the players' pool is thrown into the big world's series pool when such teams as the Yankees and Giants, which have a direct interest in the world's series pool, are involved.

The players of the respective New York teams—the Yankees and Giants—were anxious to have a city championship at any hazard, laboring under the deluded belief that to them would go all the spoils. Most of the Giants are soon to leave on a barnstorming trip to Cuba. Babe Ruth will accompany them, but there are a few players who intend to stay in the city. The Yankees, too, are planning to make the best of their chances to tune up for the Cleveland Indians at the expense of the Giants. While, of course, he will not be able to have any of his regulars injured, he believes McGraw will be able to furnish him quite as effective pitching as Cleveland can hope to do, and intends during the next two weeks to put his men for the impending battles at Ebbets Field in the big classic.

Robinson is anxious to make the most of his last home game, as in the first three games are to be played in Brooklyn. As a rule, the jump is everything.

## Basketball Methods

**Employed by Sanford**  
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Sept. 30.—Basketball tactics for the Rutgers football team is the latest coaching wrinkle to be worked out by Coach George Sanford, and he had Frank Hill, mentor of the basketball team, out with the gridiron men today drilling them in basketball methods of receiving the forward pass and also of perfecting a defense against its use. Sanford does not intend to repeat the mistake of last week in overrating the rival team and sending his team to against Maryland State this week without practice. The return of John Scudder, who was out last week with injuries, at guard, and of Brooks Daisley, former Brooklyn schoolboy star, at tackle, has greatly strengthened the line.

## Record of Major League Clubs

| NATIONAL LEAGUE                        | AMERICAN LEAGUE                         |
|--|---|
| <b>GAMES TO-DAY</b>                    | <b>GAMES TO-DAY</b>                     |
| Brooklyn at New York (2).              | Cleveland at Detroit (2).               |
| Cincinnati at Pittsburgh.              | Washington at Philadelphia.             |
| Philadelphia at Boston (2).            | Chicago at St. Louis.                   |
| St. Louis at Chicago.                  | Other teams not scheduled.              |
| <b>YESTERDAY'S RESULTS</b>             | <b>YESTERDAY'S RESULTS</b>              |
| Brooklyn-New York (rain).              | Washington-Philadelphia (rain).         |
| Philadelphia-Boston (rain).            | Cleveland-Detroit (cold weather).       |
| Cincinnati-Pittsburgh (rain).          | Other teams not scheduled.              |
| Other teams not scheduled.             |   |
| <b>STANDING OF TEAMS</b>               | <b>STANDING OF TEAMS</b>                |
| W. L. Pct.                             | W. L. Pct.                              |
| B'klyn., 90-69-600 Chicago., 74-77-490 | Clevid., 95-54-620 Boston., 72-81-471   |
| N. Y. 85-65-577 St. Louis, 73-78-433   | Chicago, 95-56-520 Wash., 65-83-439     |
| New Yk. 80-69-537 Boston., 78-88-403   | New Yk. 95-59-617 Detroit., 59-91-393   |
| Pittsbg., 77-73-513 Phila., 60-90-400  | St. Louis, 74-76-493 Phila., 47-103-313 |

## Somebody Is Always Taking the Joy Out of Life

By BRIGGS



## Carpentier May Yet Box Dempsey In United States

Charles B. Cochran, the well known sports promoter of London, is coming to America to see Georges Carpentier and Battling Levinsky in their twelve-round bout at the Jersey City ball park on the night of October 12. Jack Curley, who is assisting the International Sporting Club, of New York, in the promotion of this bout, received the following cablegram from Cochran yesterday:

"Sailing to-day for New York. Arrive in time to see Carpentier-Levinsky bout."

According to Curley there is a likelihood that Cochran will see Carpentier from his contract to box Dempsey for him in London. The contract expires on December 31 of this year.

Battling Levinsky is hard at work at White Sulphur Springs. According to those who have seen him in the gym he is putting all the power he possesses in his punches, and Sailor Petrosky and the others have taken to wearing headgear when boxing with him.

## Rain Prevents Real Practice by Army

WEST POINT, N. Y., Sept. 30.—Rain played havoc with the program set for the Army football men to-day. Contrary to expectations, a real drill had been scheduled for this afternoon in further preparation for the Army's opening double-header Saturday, but the field was a quagmire, and while the squad was on hand only kicking drill and dummy scrummaging were indulged in.

Stewart was back in the line at guard in Clark's place for a while and may start against one of Army's opponents this week end.

Marshall College, of Huntington, W. Va., and Union College, of Schenectady, will both be here Saturday for games. Both contests will take place in the afternoon.

## Babe Ruth to Appear Before Dyckman Fans

Babe Ruth expects to add to his large bank roll on Sunday afternoon, when he will lead a picked team against Jeff Tessem's Bears at Dickman Oval.

The Babe will team with Jim Carl Mays, Bob McGraw and Fred Hoffman, of the Yankees. Ruth, following next Sunday's game, will go with his team on a barnstorming tour that will take a total of 316. Managers, Baltimore, Washington and Brooklyn, and then will join the barnstorming Giants for the Cuban trip.

## Rutgers Practices in Rain

NEW BRUNSWICK, Sept. 30.—Rutgers held football practice this afternoon in the pouring rain. Coach Sanford ordered a long scrimmage, in which more plays for using the forward pass were practiced. Several players suffered minor injuries, but they will be in shape for Saturday's game.

## Leonard Boxes To-night

CLEVELAND, Sept. 30.—The ten-round boxing bout between Benny Leonard, champion lightweight, and Jack Britton, champion welterweight, scheduled to be held at American League Park to-night, was postponed until tomorrow night because of a heavy rain all day and cold weather.

## Murray to Box Chaney

An all-star card has been arranged for October 8 at the Garden, the final event being between Andy Chaney and Johnny Murray. This pair will meet at 125 pounds at 9 o'clock, the winner to receive a club belt donated by Pro-motor Tex Rickard. This bout will be for fifteen rounds.

## Brunner Enters Yale

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 30.—"Bots" Brunner, former Lehigh and Penn star halfback, has entered Yale. Brunner will not be eligible for the team this year, but undoubtedly will make a strong bid for a position next season.

## Jersey Bout Again Put Over

The ten-round bout between Gene Tunney and Paul Sampson, which was scheduled last night at the Armory, was postponed until Monday night on account of rain.

## Giants vs. Brooklyn To-day, 2 Games—First Game, 1:30 P. M. Polo Grounds—Advt

## The Sportlight by Grantland Rice

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**The Contrast**  
Did you ever notice that a run of fine luck is often followed by the roughest fortune you have ever known?

Or that a spell of fine weather only too often leads to a period of storms, simoons and tornadoes?

Did you ever notice, in brief, how life's little compensations even up the game?

**A Noted Example**  
From the 15th of April to the 15th of September baseball had known the greatest season of its record.

The two leagues both had wonderful races to lure out the crowd, and one league had the home run king of all time to help pack 'em in between St. Louis and Boston.

Attendance records at almost every park had been doubled or at least greatly increased.

And then, with only ten days to go and not a cloud in the sky—the worst scandal that ever broke above any American sport suddenly burst its way into print.

This scandal has come as a terrific blow at the game—delivered just at the moment when baseball as an attraction was at the top point of the highest peak of popularity.

**A New Angle**  
Through this scandal a new angle was introduced into the scheme of things. In the American League Cleveland and Chicago started the final week practically tied for first place.

The thought in each baseball mind last Monday was this, "Suppose Chicago wins?"

For this Chicago team happens to be the storm center of the scandal referred to.

It was openly charged all through the last world series that the White Sox had sold out to a crooked betting ring—not all the White Sox but at least five or six, most of whom are still are with the club.

The series certainly had a phony look, and a sufficient amount of evidence has since been spilled to show that the phony look was justified. And yet here were many of these same players—branded through public gossip as crooks—battling for another flag.

**A Queer Turn**  
It has been generally understood by most baseball men that the Chicago club—when on the up and up and out to win—stands as the strongest team in baseball to-day.

In its two main series against its two main rivals—New York and Cleveland—it had no trouble in winning five out of six games.

It lacked the pitching strength of Brooklyn, but in other respects was immeasurably stronger.

But the idea of this ball club getting into another world series when five or six of its leading players were occupying headlines in a scandal of such proportions carried a jarring effect.

By this time the ballplayer can begin to understand the damage that a few crooks in his profession can do to the entire profession. And the player, from the inside, can protect the game better than any one else.

**October 12**  
October 12 will mark the anniversary of a noted arrival upon this continent. The name, we believe, was Columbus.

On that same date, 428 years later, the event will be celebrated by a world series ball game, a meeting between Man of War and Sir Barton, and a meeting between Carpentier and Levinsky.

This is the richest sportive dish we can recall for any single day. If the alert discoverer happened to return we wonder which celebration he would select?

In the midst of the turmoil St. Louis steps in with the two batting champions—Sisler and Hornsby. This is the first time on record that any single city has contributed both leaders in the gentle art of accumulating base hits.

King of the Simps—Any fan who bets on a ball game with a professional gambler.

Answer to Football Problem—Harvard minus Casey equals Harvard, 3—Holy Cross, 6.

"Rags are royal raiment when worn for virtue's sake." Which is another way of saying that no one can accuse the Athletics of having thrown a world series in the last six years.

**Another Baseball Scandal!**  
It may be of interest to the fans to know that the tallenders, those Phyllis and the lowly Athletics, had sent Dick Rauch to center and placed Griffiths at left guard. This is the start of this nerve-racking journey each player will be forced to swear on Holy Writ not to throw any games, defensive center all fall.

**Bezdek Shifts Players**  
STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Sept. 30.—The expected shift in the Penn State line-up came to-day, when Coach Bezdek sent Dick Rauch to center and placed Griffiths at left guard. This is the start of this nerve-racking journey each player will be forced to swear on Holy Writ not to throw any games, defensive center all fall.

## Tennis Folk Hate to Lay Away Racket

Outdoor Season Drawing to Close; Women's State Title May Not Be Decided

By Fred Hawthorne

These few dying days in the world of tennis, a state of suspended animation as it were, too early for the indoor game and almost too late for the outdoor variety, and yet the real enthusiasts of the sport are reluctant to lay aside their rackets until the snow falls.

The local clubs about New York are holding weekly, one and two-day tournaments, either in the form of team matches or club championships, and there is always a deal of spirit, of keen competition, in these affairs. The great figures of the courts, the Tildens, Johnstons, et al. have done their deeds and passed on. Some to go to New Zealand, after the Davis Cup, others to remain in obscurity until another outdoor season brings them forth to strive for titles and tennis fame again.

It begins to look as though the women's New York State championship in singles will not be decided at all this year. First it was postponed by a difference that caused a postponement of more than three months, after the final round had been reached, and now it's the gentle rain that calls a halt.

The player who does win the title on this occasion will not be blinded in a blaze of glory, when we remember the circumstances under which the original playing of the tournament last June was conducted. The sooner the matter is decided, the better it will be for all concerned, and the good name of lawn tennis.

Miss Penelope Davies, the "long bird" of the courts, whose playing in local tournaments early last summer attracted favorable notice, has recently returned after a three months' vacation in her native land, Canada, and before plunging into winter of concert work decided to enter one more tournament before the season closes. Being a member of the West Side Tennis Club, Miss Davies entered the women's club championship tourney now being played at Forest Hills, pairing with Mrs. Joshua Brush, and the operating team will play its first match to-day.

The Sunningdale Country Club, of Scarsdale, will hold a women's open tournament on its clay courts, beginning to-morrow and finishing on Sunday. Singles and doubles will be played, and the entries close at the club this afternoon. This tournament was originally scheduled for September 14. Among those who have already sent in their entries are Mrs. Edward V. Lynch, Miss Clara Caspell, Miss Marie Wagner, Mrs. E. R. Wiener, Miss Margaret Grove, Mrs. Samuel Waring and Mrs. Percy Winbourn.

Regarding the Davis Cup trip of the challenging team from this country, no attention has been called to what must look like an inexplicable error I made in this column last week. In speaking of the possible New Zealand Australian team I named Wilding, Brookes, Anderson and O'Hara Wood as members.

Wilding, of course, was killed some four or five years ago, giving up his life in the World War, a fact of which I was fully aware, having written several columns within the last few years on this giant, heroic player and sportsman. But, through some mental lapse, I wrote the name of Wilding instead of Gerald Patterson, and that is the only explanation possible. I would that words of mine could bring back to life and to tennis the great New Zealander who, with Norman Brookes, wrested the Davis Cup from the defending American team at Forest Hills in 1914.

**Stevens Squad Drills Hard in Spite of Rain**

Coach Durbinow has his Stevens football charges scrimmaging in the rain yesterday afternoon and getting in trim for the game to-morrow at Pennsylvania Military College. For about three-quarters of an hour the first and second teams practiced in the mud. Fifteen minutes of the period was devoted to signal drill.

Following the outdoor work, the teams were given a blackboard talk in the gymnasium. The coach insisted on the outdoor work because of several new plays which needed rehearsing.

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**Olympians to Join Navy Squad To-day**

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Sept. 30.—The Naval Academy contingent was cheered to-day by news that the Olympic squad containing many valuable football players, had arrived on this side and would report at the Academy to-morrow. The members are not likely to play against North Carolina State Saturday, but should be ready for the Lafayette game a week later.

In the party are King, right tackle; Moore, right guard; Sarnoff, substitute center; Wilkie, a powerful line-man, and several line substitutes. This afternoon's practice was on a muddy field and in heavy drenching. Zolwell had the players handling the wet ball for four hours.



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